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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**In re the application of
Barry Katz**

: Group Art Unit: 2600

Serial No.: 08/964,305

: Examiner: Amelia Au

Filed: November 4, 1997

**For: ASYNCHRONOUS VIDEO EVENT
AND TRANSACTION DATA
MULTIPLEXING TECHNIQUE FOR
SURVEILLANCE SYSTEMS**

: Our Docket No.: 97252B.PUS

To the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks:

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to Examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend the claims as follows:

Please cancel claims 1-16, inclusive without prejudice.

Please add the following new claims:

17. An auditing system for providing verifiable surveillance data wherein recorded transaction digital data is selectively positioned on recorded related video images to produce a composite video image of said transaction comprising:

a) means for generating and storing video signals of behavioral events corresponding to a desired transaction and automatically marking the video signals with an electronic sequence code from a common source intrinsic to the auditing system;

b) means generating and asynchronously storing separately digital signals representing data from said transaction, said digital signals including signals representing alphanumeric characters corresponding to the transaction, and automatically marking the digital signal with a